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15 February 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Office of General Counsel

FROM: [] Chief, Litigation Branch,
Policy and Coordination Staff

SUBJECT: Edgars Laipeniekis

REFERENCE: OGC 78-8333, 5 December 1978

1. Responding to the records search of Mr. George Parker, Special Litigation Unit, Immigration and Naturalization Service, please confirm to him that we have no information on (a) Lou Gleser or (b) Arvid Lazdins.

2. The only information we have on Meir Katz is a memorandum dated 24 October 1948 which indicates that Katz was willing to testify against Jakobs Laipeniekis at a war crimes trial in Switzerland. There is no record that any such trial was ever held.

3. This memorandum will also confirm that on 14 February 1979, we permitted Mr. Parker and Ms. Patricia Lacey, a cleared paralegal from the same office, to review the sole document in our files on Jakobs Laipeniekis (MSBA-1155, 24 September 1948) and provided advance copies of two photographs of Jakobs Laipeniekis which were transmitted with the dispatch. We are forwarding additional copies of each of the two pictures and two 8" x 10" enlargements of each photograph for INS/SLU's retention. While we acknowledge that the pictures are unclassified, we have INS/SLU's oral agreement that the pictures will be used for identification purposes only and that prior permission from this Agency will be necessary if it should be required to introduce these photographs in evidence at any trial.

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4. Attached are the original notes taken by Mr. Parker and Ms. Lacey during their review of both Directorate and Office of Security files. We have classified the notes at the Secret level and have explained to the Special Litigation Unit that the notes, standing alone, without reference to CIA or the fact of its nature of the relationship with subject, are unclassified. When the CIA connection is made, the information must be classified for the protection of sources and methods. We were told that the classification of these notes will not pose any administrative problems to the Unit.

5. For your information only, we were also advised that a final decision on whether to initiate denaturalization and/or deportation proceedings has not yet been reached. We were told that Mr. Parker will be traveling abroad in the next several weeks to interview potential witnesses and no final decision will be made until after his return.

6. Please provide copies of your correspondence with the Unit to OS/SAG as well as to this office.

(signed) [] [] []

Attachments

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